

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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CLOSED JUTE MILLS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether many jute mills in the country have been closed down during each of the last three years and thereafter, State-wise;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether many of the workers have rendered jobless as a result thereof;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (e) whether there is any proposal to revive the closed jute mills and rehabilitate the workers who have lost their jobs;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) the funds allocated for the purpose during the Eleventh Plan Period?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGO VAN)

(a) & (b): Yes. Sir. A statement regarding closure of jute mills and the reasons thereof during the last 3 years is enclosed at Appendix-I.

(c) & (d): No. Sir. During last three years, out of 28 mills closed down, 27 mills have reopened. Only one mill i.e. Nuddea jute mill in West Bengal is still under closure which employs about 3400 workers.

(e) & (f): Yes. Sir. There are 12 jute mills which are closed down, out of which 6 mills are in Public Sector and 6 mills are in Private Sector. Out of 6 Public Sector mills under National Jute Manufactures Cooperation (NJMC), there is a proposal to revive 2 mills in West Bengal i.e. Kinnison & Khardah as per Cabinet approval. In addition to the above, one Mill RBHM, Katihar, Bihar is also proposed to be revived under Public-Private Partnership. All the workers of these 6 mills including mills under revival have taken VRS and all their dues are settled.

(g): At present, no funds have been allocated for revival of NJMC Mills as the revival scheme is yet to be approved by Appellate Authority for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (AAIFR).

APPENDIX-I

List of closed jute mills during the last three years and the reason of closure along with the date of re-opening:-

Sl.No.	Name of Jute Mill	State /Union Territory	Date of Closure	Date of Reopened	Reasons
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|----|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|---|
| 1. | Kamarhatty | West Bengal | 20.05.04 | 25.08.04 | Suspension of work due to labour unrest |
| 2. | Bally | - do - | 03.03.2004 | 09.08.04 | - do - |
| 3 | Vijayshree | - do - | 20.05.04 | 20.06.05 | - do - |
| 4 | Auckland | - do - | 16.05.04 | 05.08.04 | - do - |
| 5 | RDB | - do - | 15.05.04 | 01.07.04 | - do - |
| | | | 23.07.06 | 07.08.06 | |
| | | | 05.06.07 | 11.06.07 | |
| 6 | Ganges | - do - | 19.06.04 | 24.06.04 | - do - |
| 7 | Dalhousie | - do - | 25.06.04 | 30.06.04 | Suspension of work due to labour unrest |
| 8 | Naihati | - do - | 10.07.04 | 16.07.04 | - do - |
| 9 | Loomtex | - do - | 21.05.04 | 06.09.04 | - do - |
| | (titagarh) | | | | |
| 10 | Mohan | Chattisgarh | 18.07.04 | August 2006 | - do - |

11 Tepcon West Bengal 22.05.04 14.12.04 - do -
12 Northbrook - do - 27.03.05 05.08.05 - do -
13 Empire - do - 06.06.04 16.08.04 - do -
14 Reliance - do - 02.05.04 16.07.05 - do -
15 Kanknarrah - do - 01.08.05 08.08.05 - do -
16 Winsome Bihar N.A. 18.08.05 - do -
17 Shri Gourishankar West Bengal 05.05.05 10.09.05 - do -
18 India Jute - do - 27.01.06 31.01.06 - do -
19 Alliance - do - 05.02.06 28.02.06 - do -
20 Budge Budge - do - 02.05.06 21.08.06 - do -
21 Calcutta Jute - do - 28.04.06 24.08.06 - do -
22 Hoogly Andhra Pradesh 22.02.06 25.07.06 - do -
(Projects)
23 Naffarchand West Bengal 19.05.06 27.08.06 - do -
24 Kanknarrah - do - 20.05.06 09.07.07 - do -
25 Gourishankar - do - 06.07.06 19.08.06 - do -
26 Winsome Bihar 25.09.06 24.10.06 Lock out
27 Bharat Jute West Bengal 20.09.06 23.09.06 Natural Calamity
(Rain logging in
and around the
millpremises)
28 Nellimarlah Andhra Pradesh 08.05.06 30.11.06 Suspension of work
due to labour unrest